

**John Hutchings to Andrew Jackson, March 30, 1804,  
from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by  
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**JOHN HUTCHINGS TO JACKSON.**

Nashville, March 30, 1804.

*Dear Sir:* I this evening retched nashvill on my way to Orleans, after undergoing Some feteague. I had the misfortun of Sinking one of the Boates after being about half loaded, the Boate Sprung aleake in the Bow, and all we Could do She would go to Bottom, there was about Twenty or Twenty five Bales that got Wet, I gave them Two days sun before I put them on Board, I also have plased them on Top of the Boates, I was under the necessaty of taking the publick Boate, and was under the necessaty of Taking, off Every plank all Round the gunnels.

The amount of Cotton is as follows<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> This statement seems to mean that Jackson and Hutchings had been conducting stores at Hunter's Hill, Gallatin, and Lebanon before the triple partnership of 1804 was formed.

Cotton from Hunters Hill 25,567

Cotton from Gallatin 16 364

—from Lebanon 14,148

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I Recd your letter by the last mail, I shew the letter to aunt Jackson, which has Served to gave her mi[n]d Greate ease. She has Taken up an Idia that mr. Coffee was going on Dueling Bisness.

I have Seen Majr. Tatum and named to him Respecting the Iron, he States that they will not Receve any part. I am Vary much affraid that it will be Vary hard to sell as the seasson for selling is past; for my part when every2 Cash is bought in Que[s]tion, I feele feerful and not[h]ing will Command it. I wish you to reeturn and let mr. Coffee go on, for god only knows how the mony is to be Raist for the Carriges for the Iron. for my part I Cant see how this bisness [is] to be Condu[c]ted in boath our absences. I have nothing more at present. I will let you heare from me at Natcez.

2 Whenever.

Hea[l]th and Respect